

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/687,090

Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment filed October 8, 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2-5.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 17 October 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

In response to Amendment filed October 8, 2004

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Normand Coulomb on February 28, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

- a. In claim 2, please amend the claim as follows in order to correct for grammatical errors :
 - i. In line 2 of claim 2, please delete the word "wherein" before the phrase "said device comprising".
 - ii. In line 5 of claim 2, please replace the word "a" with the word "said" before the phrase "flat elongated body".

- iii. In line 7 of claim 2, please replace the word “having” with “has a” after the phrase “wherein said tape”.
 - iv. In line 9 of claim 2, please add the word “a” after the word “having”.
 - v. In line 13 of claim 2, please replace the word “having” with “has a” after the phrase “wherein said tape”.
 - vi. In line 17 of claim 2, please replace the word “bringing” with the word “brings”.
 - vii. In line 19 of claim 2, please add the word “the” before the phrase “bottom of the pipe”.
- b. In claim 4, please amend the claim as follows in order to correct for grammatical errors :
- viii. In line 2 of claim 4, please add the word “the” before the phrase “bottom of the pipe”.

Reasons for Allowance

2. The following is an examiner’s statement of reasons for allowance:
- Claims 2 - 5 are allowable over the Prior Art of Record because it fails to teach or suggest a device for measuring the internal diameter of a pipe comprising a tape

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having a hole at the first end for connecting a first end of an elastic band and the string to said tape and including a tongue having a hole for connecting a second end of the elastic band, wherein said string pulls said tape out of said flat elongated body for measuring the internal diameter of the pipe and wherein said tape has a hole at said second end for connecting a circular member keeping said device at a right angle in combination with the remaining limitations of the claims.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

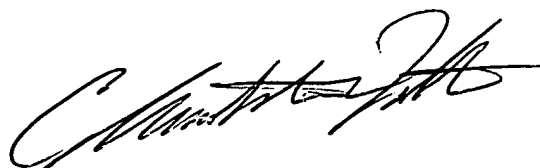
3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yaritza Guadalupe-McCall whose telephone number is (571) 272-2244. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 AM - 6:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Diego F.F. Gutierrez can be reached on (571) 272-2245. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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